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SUBJECT: GOP REQUEST FOR SEIZURE OF US FLAG VESSEL

REF: PANAMA 2906

1. ON MORNING OF APRIL 27, PRESIDENT LAKAS TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR AND, REFERRING TO MATTER OF TUNA VESSEL "VOYAGER" EXPRESSED REGRET THAT US CITIZENS AND SHIPS COULD EVADE APPLICATION OF PANAMANIAN LAW BY TAKING REFUGE WITHIN CANAL ZONE JURISDICTION. PRESIDENT LAKAS HOPED THAT MATTER COULD BE RESOLVED SHORTLY. FYI: PRESIDENT INDICATED INFORMALLY THAT PANAMANIAN DEMAND (REFTEL FOR DELIVERY OF BOAT AND CARGO MIGHT BE INTENDED LARGELY TO COVER ALL BASES, AS PANAMA HAS NO FACILITIES FOR STORAGE OF FISH ON SHIP. MATTER COULD PROBABLY BE RESOLVED THROUGH DELIVERY OF CAPTAIN TO PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES, AND HE WOULD PROBABLY BE RELEASED UPON PAYMENT OF APPROPRIATE FINE. END FYI.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INQUIRED OF US WHETHER A TELE-
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GRAPHIC REQUEST FOR DETENTION OF "VOYAGER" CAPTAIN PURSUANT

TO PARA 6 OF 1906 EXTRADITION AGREEMENT (CANAL ZONE CODE SECTION 5086,), BASED ON FACT THAT CHARGES ARE BEING FILED AGAINST CAPTAIN IN PANAMANIAN COURT, WOULD SUFFICE TO PERMIT CANAL ZONE ZUTHORITIES TO DETAIN HIM. INQUIRY HAS BEEN PASSED TO PANCANAL, WHICH HAS UNDER STUDY AT THIS TIME QUESTION OF WHETHER SUCH TELEGRAPHIC REQUEST MUST STATE THAT FORMAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST PERSON WHOSE DETENTION IS SOUGHT, OR WHETHER STATEMENT OF INTENT TO BRING SUCH CHARGES WILL SUFFICE.

3. EMBASSY HAS ADVISED FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT ITS INQUIRY UNDER STUDY, AND SUGGESTED THAT IF GOP WISHES TO MAKE FORMAL EXTRADITION REQUEST, IT OBTAIN APPROPRIATE LEGAL DOCUMENTATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN INTERIM, FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY DISPATCH TELEGRAPHIC REQUEST THAT SHIP'S CAPTAIN BE DETAINED, ON POSSIBILITY THAT PANCANAL WILL DETERMINE THAT IT CAN HONOR SUCH REQUEST.
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